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Saturday, March 1st

Side Square. Ringo Block. Everything New. Latest and Best Equipments.

Same Phones as Before

Orders taken for Furniture of every description. Any favors shown will be fully appreciated.

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JOHN MURPHY KILLED INSTANTLY WHEN TEAM RUNS AWAY

John Murphy was almost instantly killed, Monday afternoon about two o'clock when a team of mules which he was driving to a slide became unmanageable and ran away throwing him to the ground and breaking his neck.

Mr. Murphy was on his farm about 4 miles north of Thompson, when the accident occurred. He and his son, William, were in a field near the house, leading straw on slide when team walked away from the straw stack. Mr. Murphy, who was on the slide, attempted to draw them back, and they became unmanageable. Mr. Murphy was thrown on his head and neck and died almost instantly. He was about 60 years of age and was married.

Desides a wife, four daughters, Misses Mary, Margaret, Anna and Kathryn, and three sons, Jas. of Perry, Leo and Leo, of this county, survive him.

Mr. Murphy was a brother of Mrs. John Burke, of this city.

The funeral will probably be held at the Catholic Church in this city, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Ledger joins many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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COUNTY NEWS

The Rev. H. E. Trux and wife have returned to St. Louis.

Mrs. Florence Martin and Miss Nancy Mosley came over from Ayravase Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, of South Jefferson street.

Frank W. Bryson, superintendent of the Mexico Brick & Fire Clay Company, sent by Parcel Post Saturday morning a brick of local manufacture to be used in building a brick house at the Coliseum, Chicago, during the Clay Products Exposition which is to be held February 26th to March 5th. This brick will be one of 15,000 sent by parcel post from every brick plant in the United States to be used in the construction of this house, which will be given away and reconstructed after the exposition.

Clear Kent of Mexico, now has a position in the Night and Day Bank at St. Louis as general bookkeeper. The general bookkeeping is required to keep in touch with the actual condition of the bank at all times and the position requires a most competent man. Mr. Kent learned the banking business at the North Missouri Trust Co. in this city and is a splendid bookkeeper.

Frank Atkinson, of Martinsburg, was in Mexico, on business, Monday. S. L. Robinson, who has been confined to his home by illness for several days was up Tuesday, but unable to resume his work on the electric line.

J. M. Dyson, of Santa Fe is the guest of his nephew, Eugene Dyson and Mexico friends. Mr. Dyson says, Santa Fe is booming.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Kennel on East Monroe St., Monday night a son, named Robert. Both mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. Bolla Bingham is home from Marshall where she was called by the serious illness of her aunt.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pearl, of Thompson, Mo., who has been very ill, is much improved.

L. J. Parrish and wife are home from an extended visit in California, and are domiciled at their home on South Clark avenue. The Ledger is glad to have them back home again.

Last Sunday morning a surprise party composed of two score neighbors and friends, well attended, gathered at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Parsons and son, Ward Parsons, 5 miles northwest of Mexico, to bid him a farewell before leaving this farm which they recently sold. The day was most pleasantly spent and all regret that we are to lose these good people from our midst.

A GUEST.

Miss Ethel Snidow, of this city, now principal of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, High School, has been elected treasurer of the Northeast Teachers' Association of Oklahoma. The district consists of nineteen counties. The Association held its meeting this year at Nowata, Okla., and next year the meeting will be held at Bartlesville, Okla.

Several of the young lady students from Liberty Ladies College, which burned, Sunday night, may come here to attend Hardin for the remainder of the year. Not many can be accommodated here, at present, but it is probable that some of the young ladies will take advantage of this chance and come here.

The college building, burned with a loss of about \$50,000 impeding the lives of 40 young ladies who were in the building. The other students were at their homes spending the week end. There was about \$40,000 insurance.

R. R. Arnold writes the Ledger from New Orleans that he and his wife are having a delightful trip. He states he hopes the Legislature will do something toward better Missouri insurance conditions and closes by sending regards to all his friends and saying he is homesick if he does not get the Ledger every day.

WE CAN SHOW YOU that it pays to do business with the North Missouri Trust Co.

FIRE COSTS CITY \$150.

The recent fire which destroyed the Greer building cost the city about \$150. The extra firemen also were paid \$92 and the regular company was paid \$52 that much due them.

Writing Tablets 1-2 price at Pickett Drug Co.

A. P. Green is in St. Louis on business.

LOW PRICE ON IMPLEMENTS.

Will sell the following John Deere implements at prices mentioned below as we are going to discontinue the implement part of our business. John Deere corn planter with check row, \$35; 12-inch breaking plow, \$10; disc harrow, \$25; 6-horse cultivator, \$20; 60-tooth harrow, \$5; walking tongue cultivator, \$10.

Perris & Cuthbert.

MEN LIKE SWEET THINGS in spite of their dentists. The proof lies in the number of male customers for our candy which have never been known to give any away. We despise their stinginess, but admire their taste. So will you if you taste some of the candy. It is simply delicious.

Wren's Pharmacy On the South Side

EVERGLADES OF FLORIDA WILL BE DRAINED BY CANAL

Editors of the Ledger:

Recently a great deal has been written and published of the conditions in Florida that were so highly colored, and in many instances misrepresented the facts, that I shall confine myself to the truth as I have found it.

In the first place, let me assure you that the same sun shines in Florida as in good old Missouri. The State has its advantages and its disadvantages.

In my opinion the chief assets of Florida are Health and Climate. To be sure, one cannot exist long on climate alone, but Florida offers many inducements to the well-to-do and the middle class. I would not advise the very poor or people with no capital to come this far with great expectations for the future, as it takes some capital to get a foothold even in this land of flowers and sunshine.

Just at the present time much is being said and written of the Everglades of Florida. This is a low, marshy tract of country in Southern Florida, inundated with water and interspersed with low lands, covered with high grass and trees.

The swamp is 140 miles long and 50 miles broad.

The Everglades are just now going the way of that Great American Desert, whose water was described in the school geography of our fathers; but the transformation is much more rapid. Lake Okechobee, the largest body of fresh water, except Lake Michigan, within the boundaries of the United States, has an area of 650 square miles and is twenty-one feet above sea level, is located within the Everglades. This Lake has low, marshy banks on the south, and during the rainy season it overflows, flooding the Glades. Florida is now digging five main canals, each fifty feet wide from the Lake to tide-water, and when completed, these canals will lower the level of the Lake four feet, preventing its overflow and thus reclaim a large part of the Everglades. When lowered the Lake will still contain or cover half a million acres to a depth of three feet—a great reservoir from which water will be let into the canals and impounded by gates and locks for irrigation purposes as needed during the dry season. The soil of the Everglades is much from two to four feet in depth. The climate of course is sub-tropical, with frosts almost unknown. This great proposition to drain the Everglades is an admirable scheme, the practical value of which, we believe, is not questioned by any one competent to speak. It should be understood, however, that the Everglades will not be ready for cultivation, when the State's job is done. Lateral canals and farm ditches must still be constructed by the land owners. To be sure, this work is not expensive, but requires time. Right here I want to emphasize one thing. Any one who buys lands in the Everglades with his eyes shut is liable to the same disappointment, which awaits your blind investors in the frozen North. The Everglades will have some good lands, some bad lands and then some. The ever-present "land shark" is abroad in the land, so beware. Don't buy a pig in a poke. See the land or make a full investigation before you part with any of the "money."

The surface and drainage of Florida in general, is low and level, having been formed by gradual elevation from the sea bottom.

Directly to the south and southwest is the chain of islands known as the Florida Keys, which extend from Biscayne for about 200 miles. There are all coral islands and are only a few feet above the sea.

The highest land in the State does not exceed 300 feet in altitude, and there are no high hills or deep valleys. The principal rivers are the St. Mary's, forming a part of the boundary between Florida and Georgia; the Caloosahatchee, draining Lake Okechobee into the Gulf; the Suwanee, crossing the state from the North, and the St. John's, the River Beautiful flowing into the Atlantic Ocean, and at some points is several miles wide. Some very large Ocean vessels, both freight and passenger, from New York, Boston and Philadelphia, daily enter this River, and dock at Jacksonville, 20 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

As before stated, the climate of Florida, except in the swamp region, possesses one of the most equable and healthful in the United States.

The climate is free from extremes, the winter temperature seldom falling below 32 degrees and the summer temperature rarely exceeds 90 degrees. The average annual winter temperature is 60 degrees and the average summer temperature, 78 degrees.

There is little spring or autumn and such brief winter that summer lasts two-thirds of the year.

June, July and August constitute the rainy season. There are on an average 250 clear days in the year. Droughts and frosts are very rare.

Of course, agriculture is the leading industry of Florida.

For agricultural purposes, the State may be considered in three divisions, Northern, Middle and Southern Florida. Northern Florida includes that part of the State extending south as far as St. Augustine. It produces cereals, arrowroot, rice, potatoes, tobacco, figs, peaches, pears and sea-island cotton. Middle

Florida extends from the latitude of St. Augustine to Tampa Bay. This region yields cotton, sugar-cane, sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice, oranges, lemons, grapes, grape fruit, guavas, garden vegetables and small fruits. In Southern Florida are produced bananas, sugar cane, pineapples, olives and coconuts. Also fruits from China and Japan have been successfully introduced.

The forests of Florida are estimated to cover 25,000,000 acres and are composed mostly of pitch pine, cypress and live oak.

Jacksonville and Pensacola are the chief cities of lumber export. Next in importance to the manufacture of lumber and naval stores is the manufacture of cigars, which has its chief center in Key West and Tampa. The coasts and streams contain an abundance of fish, and the taking of shad, trout, bass and other fish is an important industry. Oyster culture has also been established in some localities and there are some very extensive sponge fisheries located at Turpon Springs and other points on the west coast.

It is reported that the fisheries in the State furnish employment to over 6,000 men and that the annual product exceeds \$1,000,000.

GEORGE KARRICH.

LEADER SPECIAL.

Monday, Feb. 25.

Plans are being formulated at the meeting of the commercial clubs of the state, now being held here to raise \$100,000 to advertise Missouri and bring more people and more industries here. Of this amount, \$25,000 will be raised by counties outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. \$75,000 will be raised in these cities and the railroads in the state will be asked to contribute \$25,000.

The first regular meeting of the convention was called to order this morning at 10 o'clock at the Elks' Club, with Wm. Hirth, of Columbia in the chair.

After an address of welcome by Mayor Cave, Sec'y. Carroll of the Seaside Commercial Club and Wm. H. Bloomer, of St. Louis, addressed the meeting. These gentlemen spoke in favor of better roads, the farm advisor movement and the advertisement of Missouri's resources.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Norbit and second by Sec'y R. E. Race of the Missouri Commercial Club ordering a telegram be sent to President Woodrow Wilson, asking him to appoint Dean Waters as Sec'y. of Agriculture was unanimously passed.

Audrain county was highly complimented for her forward movements in general and the securing of Farm Advisor especially. The farm advisor movement is one of the largest matters before the convention.

This evening a banquet will be given the visiting delegates by the Missouri Commercial Club.

Delegates from all over the state continue to pour in and at meeting this morning 64 counties and 70 towns were represented.

The meeting will close tomorrow.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The next regular Teachers' Examination will be held at the Central School Building in Mexico Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th, beginning at 8 o'clock a. m.

The Columbia City Council has employed O. L. Norris, of Salina, Kan., as fire chief, to look after and run their new motor fire truck. Mr. Norris will also be building and plumbing inspector. Beside Mr. Norris, there will be two men at the fire house all the time, so that no delay in answering a fire call will be made.

WE used to think we understood the tariff question; that was about 40 years ago when we belonged to a debating society.

DETAILED arrangements are being made for the Missouri Special Sales Company's annual sale in April, which promises to be the most successful in the history of the organization.

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THURSDAY, 27TH INST.

Everyone knows that these sales mean a Saving that is worth while. Now is the time to buy

Embroideries, Flouncings, Bandings, Laces, etc. Linen Sheeting, Tubing, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Crashies. Waist linen, Embroidered and Plain. Sheets and Pillow Cases. Maslin Underwear.

We are making especially low prices during this sale. You cannot afford to miss these bargains.

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